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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23,
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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
BUREAUS. H AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

AF - TALCOTT W. SEELYE, ACTING

BRIEFINGS WITH LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER: FOLLOWING
ONE AND A HALF HOURS OF BRIEFINGS OF THE LIBERIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER, C. CECIL DENNIS YESTERDAY, ON A
NUMBER OF MAJOR ISSUES, WE HAD ANOTHER SESSION TODAY
AT HIS REQUEST. TODAY'S TWO AND A QUARTER HOUR SESSION
RANGED OVER DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT AFRICA AND DENNIS
GAVE A FULL AND DETAILED EXPOSITION OF HIS VIEWS.
QUITE CLEARLY, LIBERIA WANTS TO BE HELPFUL TO US WITH
REGARD TO OUR AFRICAN POLICIES AND MY IMPRESSION IS THAT
DENNIS ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN OAU CIRCLES.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THIS WITH GOOD ADVANTAGE.

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PRESIDENT TOLBERT ADDRESSES CONGRESS: I ATTENDED ON
YOUR BEHALF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL SESSION ADDRESSED
BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT. TOLBERT GAVE A GOOD SPEECH AND
WAS WELL APPLAUDED.

CALL BY GERMAN OFFICIAL: MINISTER COUNSELOR OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY, MR. HANS-MICHAEL RUYTER, WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR SOUTHERN AFRICA INITIATIVE. I TOLD HIM THAT THE SHAPE OF POLITICAL UNDERTAKINGS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED BY SMITH THIS WEEKEND.

CALL BY TWO OF OUR AMBASSADORS: AMBASSADOR BREWER, WHO IS RETURNING TO THE SUDAN, MENTIONED TO ME THAT THE SUDANESE ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING C-130'S WHICH WOULD BE FINANCED BY THE SAUDIS. HE SAYS THAT THE ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT LAST JULY, AT WHICH TIME THE SUDANESE WERE NOT ABLE TO MOVE THEIR TROOPS RAPIDLY TO KHARTOUM, HAS IMPRESSED THEM WITH THE NECESSITY OF HAVING RAPID AIR TROOP TRANSPORT. AMB. CRIGLER CAME BY ON HIS WAY TO RWANDA.

ARA - SHLAUDEMAN

ARGENTINA -- AMBASSADOR MUSICH CAME IN TO TELL ME THAT HE HAS IN FACT RESIGNED HIS POST -- BUT FOR PURELY "PRIVATE" REASONS. HE INSISTED THAT HE SHARES HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONVICTION THAT THE WAR AGAINST ARMED SUBVERSION IS THE FIRST "NATIONAL PRIORITY." MUSICH ALSO NOTED THAT CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS DEPEND ON AN UNDERSTANDING IN THE U.S. OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ARGENTINA CONFRONTS. I SAID WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE SERIOUS GUERILLA THREAT AND HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE ELIMINATION OF TERRORISM IS CRITICAL TO ARGENTINA'S FUTURE. I REVIEWED OUR DECISION ON THE IDB LOAN (VOTED TODAY) AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CONDITIONS THERE WOULD PERMIT OUR CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH ARGENTINA. MUSICH REPLIED THAT THE VIDELA GOVERNMENT IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN RESTORING ORDER AND WILL SOON HAVE THE COUNTRY AT PEACE. I HOPE HE'S RIGHT.

CHILE -- TRUCCO CAME BY FOR A BRIEF PRIVATE TALK ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION. HE'S UNDER VERY HEAVY PRESSURE FROM THE MEDIA AND WITH WHAT WILL BE A LARGE DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR IN FRONT OF HIS EMBASSY ON SUNDAY. HE INTENDS TO STICK TO HIS LINE OF LOW-KEY OFFERS TO COOPERATE AND TO AVOID POLEMICS WITH THE PRESS AND THE CONGRESS. BUT HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY STATEMENTS FROM AN FBI OFFICIAL BEFORE A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCEDING THAT THE BOMB COULD HAVE BEEN DETONATED BY A RADIO SIGNAL FROM WITHIN THE CHILEAN EMBASSY. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE FBI WERE TO INTERVIEW HIM. I AGREED TO PASS THAT WORD TO THE BUREAU AND HAVE SINCE ASKED THAT THEY GO AND TALK TO TRUCCO.

CHILEAN ECONOMY -- I ALSO MET WITH JORGE CAUAS, THE CHILEAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC CZAR. HE PAINTED A PICTURE OF STEADY PROGRESS -- A BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS SURPLUS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT, DECLINING INFLATION, INCREASED CONSUMPTION AND SIGNS OF AN INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL. CAUAS SAID THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR IN THE MODERN HISTORY OF CHILE TO SHOW A NET DECLINE IN FOREIGN DEBT. CAUAS IS A TOUGH AND DETERMINED MAN. BUT THE MILITARY ARE BECOMING RESTLESS OVER THE BITTER MEDICINE HE KEEPS PRESCRIBING.

MEXICO'S PRESIDENT ELECT -- I WENT OUT WITH CHUCK ROBINSON TO GREET LOPEZ PORTILLO ON HIS ARRIVAL. ALL WENT WELL. WE HAVE ARRANGED AT HIS REQUEST TO GET HIM A TRANSLATION OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF TONIGHT'S DEBATE SO THAT HE CAN PREP FOR TOMORROW'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

ARA (CONT)

WHITE HOUSE SEMINAR -- JOE GRUNWALD BRIEFED SENIOR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES ON US/LATIN ECONOMIC POLICIES AT A WHITE HOUSE SEMINAR.

CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET -- ROBERTO MAYORGA, SECY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET CAME IN TO SEE JOE GRUNWALD. DESPITE RECENT ECONOMIC INTEGRATION PROBLEMS IN THE REGION, HE WAS HOPEFUL FOR NEW PROGRESS AND GRATEFUL FOR AID ASSISTANCE.
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CRITICAL ISSUES -- NONE TODAY.

EA - ARTHUR W. HUMMEL, JR.

US-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION. FRANK TENNY OF THE US-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION CALLED ON ME TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE TWO WEEKS FROM NOW.

BELGIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILLEMS. BELGIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILLEMS CALLED ON OSCAR ARMSTRONG FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON OF CHINA, JAPAN AND KOREA.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NEGATIVE.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

- MIG-25 PILOT. VORONTSOV CAME IN TO REQUEST ACCESS TO THEIR MIG PILOT (BELENKO) AND TO PASS A MESSAGE FOR HIM TO CALL HIS WIFE AND MOTHER IN THE USSR. I SAID WE WOULD PASS ON BOTH REQUESTS. AS REGARDS A MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND SOVIET EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES, WE WOULD BE GUIDED SOLELY

BY BELENKO'S WISHES. VORONTSOV SAID THEY WANT ONLY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM HIM THAT HE WISHES TO STAY HERE AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF IT. I SAID WE WOULD LET THEM KNOW.

MY PARTICIPATION IN THE DITCHLEY CONFERENCE. I AM LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON FOR THE SEVEN SPRINGS CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN A DITCHLEY FOUNDATION CONFERENCE COVERING US-UK RELATIONSHIPS. I HAVE HAD A LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO ATTEND THIS SYMPOSIUM, WHICH WILL INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES. I WILL ARRIVE AT THE WALDORF ON SATURDAY EVENING FOR UNGA.

NEA - ATHERTON.

1. AT MY REQUEST LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KABBANI, AS DEAN OF THE ARAB DIPLOMATIC CORPS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOMALI AND CONFIDENTIAL

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JORDANIAN AMBASSADORS, CALLED TODAY SO THAT I COULD CONVEY TO THEM YOUR DECISION TO ACCORD INTERIM PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HILMI, WHO IS HEAD OF THE ARAB LEAGUE OBSERVER MISSION IN NEW YORK, AND TO REQUEST LEGISLATION TO GRANT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO ALL PERSONNEL OF OBSERVER MISSIONS. I ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF SEPARATING THE OBSERVER MISSION FACILITIES AND RECORDS PHYSICALLY FROM THOSE OF THE ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. KABBANI, WHO ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB DIPLOMATIC CORPS MADE THE INITIAL APPROACH TO US ABOUT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S SUIT AGAINST HILMI, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO YOU AS WELL AS THE HOPE THAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD GO FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY.

2. SPIKE DUBS AND AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, ART GARDINER, APPEARED BEFORE THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE TO TESTIFY ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIA AND TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE IMPOSITION OF THE EMERGENCY IN JUNE 1975. FRASER WAS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT. FRASER'S PRIMARY CONCERN WAS THAT WE MIGHT BE ON THE VERGE OF REESTABLISHING A BILATERAL AID PROGRAM AT THE VERY TIME THAT INDIRA GANDHI'S REGIME HAS TAKEN FURTHER STEPS TO RESTRICT DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. DUBS AND GARDINER STRESSED THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON POSSIBLE AID TALKS WITH INDIA.

EB - JULIUS L. KATZ

1. GRAINS AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. EARL BUTZ TELEPHONED ME TO ASK THAT WE WITHDRAW OUR OPPOSITION TO A BILATERAL GRAINS AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. WE HAVE OPPOSED SUCH AN AGREEMENT ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD BRING US NO COMMERCIAL

BENEFITS, WOULD REQUIRE US TO PLEDGE PREFERENTIAL SUPPLY ACCESS TO ISRAEL IN THE EVENT OF EXPORT LIMITATIONS AND WOULD PUT US UNDER PRESSURE FOR SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE USSR AGREEMENT. AND A PROLIFERATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WILL SPUR OTHER GRAIN EXPORTERS SUCH AS CANADA AND AUSTRALIA TO TRY TO CARVE OUT SPECIAL MARKETS FOR THEIR OWN GRAIN EXPORTS. BUTZ TOLD ME HE NEEDED SUCH AN AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME TO CONFIDENTIAL

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USE WITH HIS CONSTITUENTS. HE ASKED ME TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN MIND. I SAID I WOULD WHILE QUESTIONING HOW AN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL CAN BE OF BENEFIT OF FARMERS WHEN ISRAEL BUYS ALL THEIR GRAIN IN THE US ANYWAY. I AM EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF A BUTZ PRESS RELEASE WHICH WOULD ANNOUNCE ISRAEL GRAIN PURCHASE INTENTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR WHICH WOULD GIVE BUTZ SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT WITHOUT GOING TO THE LENGTHS OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

2. UK AVIATION. WE THOUGHT WE WERE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN DE-ESCALATING OUR AVIATION DISPUTE WITH THE UK. WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PURSUADING TWA AND NATIONAL AIRLINES TO AGREE TO CAPACITY LIMITATIONS SO THAT THE UNILATERAL CAPACITY REDUCTIONS BY THE UK COULD BE REPLACED BY AGREED REDUCTIONS. ON THIS BASIS WE COULD AVOID THE RETALIATORY STEPS WE WOULD NEED TO TAKE. WE LEARNED TODAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE UK HAS UNILATERALLY ORDERED RESTRICTIONS ON PANAM SINGAPORE - SIDNEY ROUTE. I HAVE ASKED CHUCK ROBINSON TO CALL RAMSBOTHAM TO EXPRESS SURPRISE AT THIS ACTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE ASSURANCES HE HAD GIVEN ROBINSON OF GREATER MODERATION ON THE PART OF THE UK.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

IO - LEWIS

1. PLO AND THE IAEA

THE PLO WAS ACCORDED OBSERVER STATUS AT THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RIO DE JANEIRO ON SEPTEMBER 23 BY A VOTE OF 46 IN FAVOR TO FOUR AGAINST (US, ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA AND COSTA RICA) WITH 21 ABSTENTIONS (WEO'S) ON A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY IRAQ.

2. UNGA: ALLOCATION OF CYPRUS AND SOUTH AFRICA AGENDA ITEMS

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE VOTED TODAY BY 12-1(TURKEY)-10(US) TO CONTINUE THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN THE 1974 AND 1975 UNGA DEBATES WHEREBY THE CYPRUS ITEM IS INITIALLY CONSIDERED IN PLENARY AND THEN REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DEBATE.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED WITHOUT VOTE TO ALLOCATE THE ITEM ON SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID TO THE PLENARY, RATHER THAN FOLLOW PREVIOUS PRACTICE AND REFER IT FIRST TO THE SPC. THIS WILL GIVE PARTICULAR PROMINENCE TO APARTHEID IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DELIBERATIONS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES

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9/21	UNESCO: INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTS TO URGE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT ASSIGNMENT OF ISRAEL TO UNESCO'S EUROPEAN REGION AT 10/26-11/30 UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE.	EA, AF AND SOUTH ASIAN POSTS

L - STEPHEN M. SCHWEBEL, ACTING

-- I REVISED PRESS GUIDANCE ON THE QUESTION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH PARTICIPATION IN THE CSCE COMMISSION.

-- I REVISED DRAFT SUGGESTIONS FOR PASSAGES ON TERRORISM OF THE SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH AND TRANSMITTED THEM TO AMB. HECK.

-- I PROPOSED A SLATE FOR THE ELECTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION FOR WHICH THE U.S. SHOULD VOTE.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

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